

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An information recording medium includes a data area  
for recording data; and a drive information area for  
recording at least one piece of drive information. The data  
area is divided into a plurality of segmented areas in a  
radial direction of the information recording medium. Each  
at least one piece of drive information includes a recording  
and reproduction condition corresponding to at least one  
10 of the plurality of segmented areas.